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SUBJECT: GULF OIL

1. CARLOS DORADO, GULF REPRESENTATIVE, SENT TO EMBASSY MORNING OF MAY 19 COPY OF LETTER IN REPLY TO DORSEY LETTER TO PRESIDENT BANZER. FULL TEXT OF LETTER (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION) PROVIDED IN PARA 2.

2. "MR. B.R. DORSEY
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
GULF OIL CORPORATION
PITTSBURGH,PA., USA

"SIR: BY INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC GENERAL HUGO BANZER SUAREZ, I REPLY TO YOUR NOTE DATED 14TH OF THIS MONTH, IN WHICH YOU MAKE KNOWN THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT TO THIS MOMENT IN RELATION TO 'POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS' THAT GULF OIL COMPANY STATES IT HAS MADE IN MY COUNTRY.

"I CONSIDER THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS INCOMPLETE AND DOES NOT FULLY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS ASSUMED THE FIRMEST DECISION TO ARRIVE AT A FULL CLAIFICATION OF THIS MATTER WHICH INJURES THE NATIONAL DECORUM AND DIGNITY. I REGRET THAT SINCE MAY 2 YOUR FIRM HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE A DEFINITIVE AND FULL EXPLANATION, A FACT
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WHICH MAKES POSSIBLE ALL KINDS OF TENDENTIOUS SPECU-

LATIONS DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, WHICH TENDS TO
PUT IN DOUBT THE CREDIT, THE IMAGE, AND PRESTIGE ACHIEVED
BY MY COUNTRY IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS OF GOVERNMENT.

"THEREFORE, I DEMAND THAT GULF OIL COMPANY IMMEDIATELY
AND WITHOUT FURTHER DELAYS AND AMBIGUITIES MAKE KNOWN
TO THE GOVERNMENT THE NAMES OF ALL THE PERSONS
WHO MAY HAVE RECEIVED SAID 'CONTRIBUTIONS' WITH DETAILS
OF THE AMOUNTS, DATES, AND CONCRETE REASONS WHY YOUR
COMPANY MADE THESE PAYMENTS, INCURRING A DECEITFUL
CONTRAVENTION OF BOLIVIAN LAWS.

"THEREFORE, I SALUTE YOU ATTENTIVELY,
COL. GUILLERMO JIMENEZ GALLO
MINISTER OF ENERGY AND
HYDROCARBONS".
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